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## **STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF UKRAINE ON RUSSIA'S WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE**

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**Mr Chairperson,**

In the night of 7-8 November, Russia once again demonstrated the true nature of its war – a war of terror and annihilation. Over the course of just one night, the aggressor launched more than 450 attack drones and 45 missiles, including at least 25 ballistic and aeroballistic missiles. The targets were not military – they were homes, energy facilities and civilian infrastructure. The goal was not victory – it was terror.

Among the most alarming incidents were direct strikes on substations supplying power to the Khmelnytskyi and Rivne nuclear power plants. Such attacks are not only reckless – they are acts of nuclear blackmail, endangering millions across our region. It is difficult to recall a night since the start of this invasion with such an intensity of strikes on energy infrastructure.

Russia is committing energy terror – or, more precisely, “enerhocid” – an attempt to break the will of the Ukrainian people by freezing and intimidating them, since on the battlefield, the Kremlin has no success left to claim.

Ukraine has called for an urgent meeting of the IAEA Board of Governors to address Russia's escalating threat to nuclear safety. The international community must treat these actions not as isolated incidents, but as a systematic campaign of terror that violates every norm of international humanitarian law.

Ukraine's Defence Forces achieved an extraordinary result that night – over 400 drones were intercepted. Some missiles were also destroyed, but ballistic and aeroballistic missiles remain an enormous challenge.

Only a few defence systems in the world can effectively intercept such threats – and Ukraine urgently needs those systems to protect its people and critical infrastructure.

**Mr Chairperson,**

Russia's losses continue to mount. In October alone, the aggressor lost nearly 25,000 confirmed troops, most as a result of Ukrainian drone operations. An additional 2,000 to 3,000 are presumed dead or wounded but remain unverified.

This is the highest number of Russian losses recorded in a single month since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. The trend is clear: the more Russia attacks, the more it bleeds.

And this dynamic will only accelerate as Ukraine continues to defend itself and strike military targets deep inside occupied territory.

**Colleagues,**

Behind every Russian missile and drone stands money – money that fuels aggression, pays for murder, and sustains terror. That is why sanctions remain one of the most effective tools of collective defence. Sanctions are effective, and we can see it – in Russia's growing economic decay, in its desperate mobilization, in the exhaustion of its industrial base. What is needed is political will to tighten them.

We call on participating States to:

- extend sanctions to the Russian nuclear energy sector, which remains scandalously untouched;
- cut off the Russian military-industrial complex from all Western microelectronics and dual-use materials;
- further restrict oil and gas trade, because every exported barrel is converted into missiles, drones, and death.

Russia's war of aggression is sustained by money, not ideology. Cut the flow of money – and the killing will stop.

**Mr Chairperson,**

On 8 November, Ukraine celebrated the Day of the Air Assault Forces – our elite troops who have been defending freedom since the first hours of this invasion. They stood firm in Hostomel, Bakhmut, Avdiivka, and every hotspot across the 1,250-kilometre front line.

Their courage symbolizes the unbreakable spirit of Ukraine – the will to live free, to resist tyranny, and to protect the values on which this Organization was founded.

Russia's missiles may destroy buildings, but they cannot destroy that spirit.

Ukraine stands firm – defending not only its land and people but the very idea of international law and justice.

We thank all our partners for standing with us – for strengthening our air defence, supporting our energy system, and helping us hold the aggressor accountable.

Together, we will ensure that terror never becomes a new normal in Europe.

Thank you, Mr Chairperson.